

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL

MEETING OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS HELD TODAY.

Apology From the Boys for Breaking the Rules—Hope That Incident is Closed.

There was a meeting shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon at which the principal, several of the teachers and practically all of the male students of the Eastern High School were present, the outcome of which, it is believed, will be the dropping of the controversy between the pupils and the faculty, resulting from the alleged disorder of the cadets and other boys of the school Thursday last, when they walked out of the school building in defiance of Principal Swartzell's instructions.

Through one of their number, who acted as spokesman, the boys apologized "for breaking the rules of the school," but requested an apology from certain teachers, who, they said, had spoken and acted in an insulting manner of the victory of Company F on the competitive drill field and of the prize badges there worn, and had also cast reflections on the moral character of the boys themselves. Mr. Swartzell accepted the apology, and promised to look into the matter of the teachers' words and actions.

The boys have been considering the question of making a formal apology to the school, for several days, and it was through the good offices of the principal, Mr. Padgett, a teacher of Latin, and the captain of the cadet company, F. Harman Lintchum, that they were finally able to enter into negotiations with Mr. Swartzell and arrange for the meeting held this afternoon.

Mr. Percy M. Hughes, director of the high school, was present in the building and, in with the suggestion from the boys that a conference be held, Mr. Swartzell consented willingly and asked several of the teachers, including Mr. Wallis, a teacher of mathematics; Miss Howes, whose subject is Latin, and Mr. Padgett, to be present. Mr. Padgett acted as chairman of the meeting upon the request of the boys and acceptance of the principal.

Mr. Hughes did not enter the study hall while the meeting was in progress, but, as he expressed it, "preferred to let the students and members of the faculty talk the matter over in a personal way and settle it among themselves." Mr. Hughes, the boy who acted as spokesman for the students.

The Meeting.

About seventy-five boys and the teachers were present when Mr. Padgett called the meeting to order and stated that those present had come together to effect, if possible, a settlement of the unpleasant affair which arose last Thursday that would be satisfactory to all concerned. He then called upon young Field to speak for the boys.

Young Field said:

"I know that I am speaking to every boy present when I say that we are willing and glad to apologize to Mr. Swartzell for breaking the rules of the school—that is, for being absent from our class rooms Thursday last without permission. But, on the other hand, we feel that some of the teachers of the school have spoken in a way for making, as it is reported, certain uncalculated remarks in reference to the wearing of the red prize ribbons and as to the character of the boys who participated in the affair of last Thursday."

Replying, Mr. Swartzell said that he accepted the apology with great satisfaction and was glad to hear the expression of such sentiments. He was sure, he said, that they came from all who were concerned in the trouble. The badge question, he declared, had been exaggerated in the reports brought to the boys. No teacher had stamped on any prize ribbon and none had publicly made any remarks about the same to which exception might be taken. He said he would take up the matter of a reference to the character of the boys and act upon it later.

Both Field's and Swartzell's statements were heartily applauded by the boys present.

Miss Hawes then addressed the boys, explaining that the remarks said to have been made by certain teachers to the effect that the boys frequented saloons and such places instead of staying in the school and celebrating their victory with the girls and the teachers were not meant as a rebuke, but as a warning to the boys with immoral character. She thought the badge episode had never taken place.

Mr. Padgett and Mr. Wallis spoke in a conciliatory tone, deploring the condition of affairs and hoping that this would bring about a satisfactory settlement of the most unpleasant occurrence the school has ever known.

An Unfortunate Affair.

After the adjournment of the conference, which lasted about twenty-five minutes, Mr. Swartzell declined to make any statement with reference to what had occurred or to his future conduct. Whether or not he will consider it best to punish the boys, now that they have apologized in the manner stated, cannot be learned.

The teachers continue to look upon the whole affair as most unfortunate. They said with the principal, but are anxious to have seen the boys bring about such a strained situation. The boys are now inclined to let the matter drop and go about their studies as usual.

"I suppose we will never hear anything more about an apology from the teachers," remarked one of the boys this afternoon, "and I guess we will have to let it go at that, now."

Judge Scented Perjury.

"We received a call at the station house last evening about 7 o'clock that a murder had been committed on P street near 16th street. We hurried about to the house, and we were attracted to a house where a woman stood at the back gate, yelling 'murder!' We rushed into the house and we found these two men in the dock locked in a fight. This woman had hardly any clothes on. There was considerable yelling to be heard and quite a commotion was caused," said Officer Wilson in the Police Court today in the case of Eugene Hawkins, Owen Hawkins and Maggie Reed, charged with disorderly conduct. This general statement was borne out by another officer.

Mrs. Hawkins, mother of the two boys, took the stand.

"Judge, there was no cursing and no fighting in my house yesterday. One of the officers came into the house last evening and struck a match against my dining room lamp and started to light the light. He said, 'Where the man who was cut?' I told him that no one had been cut. I asked him who he was, but he didn't answer. Then he said, 'Who are you, anyway?' The officer showed his badge, then grabbed him in the throat and kicked him, remarking, 'I guess you will know who I am.'"

"I am not ready to go on with this case," said Judge Kimball. "I want all the evidence I can in this case. Wherever the perjury is we will determine, and I will send it up for the higher courts. I will continue this case until Friday, and I want all the witnesses that know anything about it to be here."

The announcement caused considerable talk in the court and the case will be watched with interest.

REACH AN AGREEMENT.

Steamboat Service to Mt. Vernon Not to Be Discontinued.

It is stated that the differences between the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association and the Marshall Hall Steamboat Company have been satisfactorily adjusted and the present steamboat service to the tomb of Washington will be continued. It is also stated that a new contract has been agreed to reducing the fare to Mount Vernon to 50 cents for the round trip, with 25 cents extra for the round trip, with 25 cents extra for the ladies' association. The old rates were 75 cents for the round trip and 35 cents admission to Mt. Vernon.

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